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HOUSE RESOLUTION 266
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mrs. Barbara Abernathy Caldwell
on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and have given unreservedly of themselves to develop the state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Caldwell is one such extraordinary educator who has served with dedication for 27 years within the Memphis City School System; and

WHEREAS, a celebration will be held on May 31, 2000 in recognition of her tremendous success and contributions to the children of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Abernathy Caldwell graduated from Messick High School in 1953; dedicated to her alma mater and seeking quality education for her own children, each of her four children are Messick graduates; and

WHEREAS, committed to academic excellence, Mrs. Caldwell continued her education at Memphis State College, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and French in 1957; and

WHEREAS, she was a valued member of the student body and was actively involved in the Liberal Arts Honor Society and Phi Alpha Theta honorary history fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell attended Memphis State University while working in the Memphis City School System and earned a Master's in Education in 1978; she completed over 45 hours in Curriculum and Instruction in 1980; and

WHEREAS, this gifted educator has shared her talents at several of the schools in Memphis; she began her exemplary career at Lenox Elementary School in 1957; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Mrs. Caldwell chose to take a leave of absence to raise her children; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Mrs. Caldwell returned to the school system as a substitute teacher and accepted a permanent teaching position with Lauderdale Elementary in 1973, where she taught third and fourth grades in a team teaching-situation until 1985; and

WHEREAS, at that time, she was invited to serve as the Computer Instructor at Lester Demonstration School where she remained until 1991; utilizing her instructional expertise, Mrs. Caldwell then accepted the Computer Lab Instructor position at Peabody Elementary and, in 1995, she accepted the Computer Lab Instructor and Network Coordinator position at Locke Elementary School, where she has served diligently; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell's professional activities are quite notable and reflect her capacity to serve and lead effectively; she has served with acumen as a member of the Social Studies Text Book Committee and Curriculum Writing Team for Social Studies, the Technologies Standards Committee for Memphis City Schools, as a presenter at three TETC Conferences in Nashville, as a Workshop Support Committee Chairperson for the regional NCTM meeting, and presided at six annual NCTM conferences; and

WHEREAS, her superlative teaching skills have been recognized by her receipt of numerous awards and accolades, including the Rotary Award and the Rotary Incentive Grant, in

addition to memberships in UTP, Phi Delta Kappa, Mac-O-Tom, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell attained Career Ladder level three in 1986, and has fulfilled her extended contract assignment by teaching computer classes at the Professional Development Center and the Teaching and Learning Academy for 12 years; she also served with probity as a faculty adjunct teacher for State Tech for two years in the Professional Development Center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell is an active and important part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Messick PTA, as a Cub Scout Den Leader, as President of the Messick Band Parents, and as an activist in the movement to prevent the closing of Messick High School; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Barbara Caldwell has been an active and devout member of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church for 56 years, serving as an elementary Sunday school teacher, Chair of the Missions Work Area, Chair of the Education Work Area, Church School Superintendent, Soup Kitchen Team member, and Secretary of District Metro Missionary Society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell exemplifies the allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many awards and accomplishments aside, Barbara Caldwell is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband of 44 years, Bill Caldwell, and their four children, Billy, Leanne, Jimmy, and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by students and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Barbara Caldwell is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mrs. Barbara Caldwell our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.